**Our Generation Our Vote Manifesto Policy Summaries**

We recommend that you print these summaries for your learners ahead of delivering the session so they are able to use them as part of the activity outlined in the session.

***Disclaimer:***

*These are youth-friendly summaries of some promises that some of the major political parties are making before the 2024 general election. These summaries are based on the political parties’ manifestos. A manifesto is a publication written by a political party before a general election which sets out what the party is promising to do about different issues. Manifestos can be thousands of words long, so this document provides a summary of some of the policy areas relating to issues that young people thought were most important, based on a survey carried out by ‘Our Generation. Our Vote.’ We have aimed to make this document accessible to various age groups and included* [*a glossary here*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pN0bKrPuiIRuuUbSl6bybJmkgkqg2fFKLo_zJ5gxqCg/edit) *to explain some of the more difficult terms. We have shared these summaries with the political parties who are named in them. Other parties may also be standing in your area. You can find links to the* [*full party manifestos on Democracy Classroom*](https://www.democracyclassroom.com/resource-page/manifestos-for-general-election-july-2024) *and in the ‘how to vote’ PowerPoint presentations.*

**The Conservative Party**

**The Leader of the party says:**

 “We are restoring our economic stability after Covid and Ukraine. Inflation is down, real wages are up, growth has returned – and we are cutting taxes to give working people financial security. This did not happen by accident. The economy is turning a corner because we built strong economic foundations before the pandemic and we have stuck to our plan.” – **Rishi Sunak, Leader of the Conservative Party**

**Youth-Friendly Manifesto Policy Summary:**

**Climate and Environment**

* Reduce climate change and reach net zero emissions by 2050.
* Triple the number of sea windfarms to make more wind energy.
* Increase oil and gas production in the UK rather than getting it from other countries.

**Cost of Living**

* Give 30 hours of free childcare a week to eligible parents, so that they can work more.
* Use the total amount of money that everyone in a household make through working (rather than just one person), to decide whether they will receive benefits linked to having children.
* Keep the current limit for how much benefits people can get in one household, and only give this help for a maximum of two children in each family.

**Education**

* Create 60,000 more school places and build 15 new free schools for children with special educational needs.
* Give teachers clear rules on when and what children can be taught during their Relationship, Sex and Health lessons.
* Introduce a scheme called National Service where all 18-year-olds will learn new skills by doing either a full-time military placement for a year, or volunteer one weekend a month in their community for a year.

**Health**

* All schools and colleges will have Mental Health Support teams by 2030. And open early support hubs for 11–25-year-olds in every local community by 2030.
* Grow the NHS Talking Therapies (by 50%) and be able to help more people with anxiety, stress, and depression.
* By the end of the next Parliament there will be 92,000 more nurses and 28,000 more doctors in the NHS than in 2023.

**Immigration and Refugees**

Immigration is too high, to reduce it:

* Take strong action to get rid of organised immigration crime.
* Have a legal limit on migration to guarantee that numbers will fall every year and return people with no right to be in the UK to their own country.
* Stop illegal migrants arriving by boat to the UK by sending them to Rwanda.

**Safety**

* Talk to parents and carers about ways to give them more control over social media apps, so that children spend less time on screens.
* Keep making sure that the police treat violence against women and girls as a very serious crime.
* Send prisoners, who are not from the UK, to a prison in the country they come from.

*\*Unfortunately due to the need to provide materials quickly in advance of the election, some materials are being provided in English only. If you need Welsh translations of these materials please get in touch at team@ourgenerationourvote.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.*

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